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Important!
2005 AYP Final Results
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TO: Chief School Administrators
Charter School Lead Persons

FROM: Barbara Gantwerk, Acting Assistant Commissioner
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SUBJECT: Final Adequate Yearly Progress Status for Grades 3, 4, 8, and 11 under the
No Child Left Behind Accountability Requirements - 2005

On July 29, 2005, as required under the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) accountability standards, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) informed you that preliminary adequate yearly progress (AYP) data (*Preliminary Accountability Status Report: 2005* and *Preliminary School Improvement Status Summary*) for all schools in your district was available on the NJDOE web site. Since those notifications were issued, final 2005 AYP data, including state assessment results, attendance rate/drop-out rate, and the Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) results, have been analyzed using the NCLB data conditions.

Final 2005 AYP status, in total and disaggregated by subgroup, is shown on *Final Adequate Yearly Progress Status Under No Child Left Behind Accountability Requirements: 2005* and *Final School Improvement Status Summary*. These report(s) are also posted on the NJDOE web site for your review at www.nj.gov/njded/title1/accountability/profiles/05/final/. These final reports are being issued for all schools in your district that participated in the grades 3, 4, 8, and 11 state assessments.

The school reports show the number of indicators met out of the 41 required under the Single Accountability System. In the report listing all 41 indicators, a “yes” identifies which indicators were met, a “no” identifies those that were not met, and a dash (-) indicates the subgroup was not analyzed due to no students or a small number of students (less than the minimum) in that subgroup. See attached “2005 Final Adequate Yearly Progress Status” (Key Points number 1-16). Your county education office/Abbott office has a copy of the actual data used for the school reports, including data for subgroups smaller than the minimum “n” number even though these groups were not calculated for AYP. These data results include all NCLB conditions. The assessment results, in percentages, that support these AYP profile results for each school will be posted on the *2005 NCLB Report*.

Specific details about the NCLB Accountability System are available on the NJDOE web site in the following documents:

- *New Jersey Accountability Workbook* at www.nj.gov/njded/grants/nclb/workbook.pdf
- *Understanding Accountability in New Jersey* at www.nj.gov/njded/grants/nclb/guidance/understanding.pdf

If after reviewing the final status report you believe the AYP calculation was in error, you may submit an appeal to the NJDOE within 30 days of the date of this letter, no later than **March 7, 2006**. Appeals submitted after this date will **NOT** be considered. Appeals may be filed based on a statistical error or other substantive reasons by submitting the following:

- The attached Final AYP Appeal form.
- A letter that clearly identifies the reasons for the appeal.

Please note that cycle 2 data used for the final AYP calculations cannot be revised and is, consequently, not subject to appeal. This includes incorrect student information that has not been corrected previously during the student record change time period.

Your continued commitment to ensure that all students in New Jersey meet high standards is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need further information about the NCLB single accountability requirements, please contact the Office of Title I Program Planning and Accountability at (609) 943-4283 or by e-mail at titleone@doe.state.nj.us.

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